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## Press Release

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## **Fatal Hit & Run Traffic Collision – Pacific Coast Highway and Newland Avenue**

On Sunday, July 25, 2021, at approximately 8:03 p.m., the Huntington Beach Police Department (HBPD) responded to a traffic collision in the northbound lanes of Pacific Coast Highway near Newland Avenue, involving two pedestrians and a Nissan Altima.

Upon arrival, officers located one pedestrian, identified as 48-year old female Deanna Stuve from Hemet, deceased in the roadway. A second pedestrian, identified as Frederick Stuve, a 50-year old male from Hemet, was found with serious injuries. Mr. Stuve was transported to a local hospital and is currently in critical condition.

Following the collision, the driver of the Altima, identified as 26-year old Chillandra Bell from Victorville, continued driving before stopping a short distance away. She and her unidentified female passenger left the Altima abandoned along the roadway, got into a waiting white sedan, and fled the scene. Thanks to the assistance of multiple witnesses and video surveillance, officers were able to identify the getaway vehicle and trace the registered owner's whereabouts to a residence in Huntington Beach. Officers conducted surveillance of the residence and arrested Bell as she was leaving the location. It is unclear at this time whether drugs or alcohol were a factor in the collision.

Based on the preliminary investigation, the Altima was traveling northbound on Pacific Coast Highway when it ran a red light, striking the two pedestrians who were crossing Pacific Coast Highway at Newland Avenue in the crosswalk with the right of way.

Bell was booked in the HBPD jail on charges of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence, hit and run resulting in death or injury, and additional charges.

The identity of the driver of the white getaway vehicle is still unknown and being investigated.

The collision investigation is ongoing and being conducted by the HBPD Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT). Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it is encouraged to contact HBPD Traffic Investigator D. Demetre at (714) 536-5670, or Investigator V. Rattanchandani at (714) 536-5663.



CHILLANDRA BELL – 26, VICTORVILLE